

Another hit for Woody, ScarJo



Phelps' gold run up to six



Teen attacked with golf clubs at party

SUSPECTS FLED A teen wound up in hospital with wounds from a golf club attack yesterday after a house party got out of hand.

Police were called about 12:30 a.m. and were alerted to a house party where four uninvited guests entered a south-side home.

Police say there were about 15 intoxicated teens at the party at 34 Avenue and 49A Street when the uninvited teenage males arrived brandishing golf clubs. A teen who tried to stop them wound up with severe, but non-life threatening, lacerations to his head. Another youth was also assaulted. The four suspects fled before police arrived.

Police are in the process of identifying and locating the club-wielding teens.

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Beijing **Pierse in the Water Cube**



Edmonton's Annamay Pierse competed in the womens 200m breaststroke final yesterday at the 29rd Olympiad in Beijing, China, finishing in 6th place, and breaking the Canadian record. More on the Olympics, pages 16 and 17.

Security a concern

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Worried Edmontonians are taking precautions to make sure they're protected while alone in their homes after news a serial rapist is stalking the city.

"It's unfortunate that when unfortunate things like this happen, it's a boom for business," said Voxcom

Security spokesman Gilles Lancot. Lancot said that sales skyrocket when people are targeted in their homes, be it from the threat of a rapist, home invasion, or Molotov cocktail, like those that rained fire on

Mill Woods homes for the better part of the summer.

"All of those things generate more calls to us. When you keep hearing those things, paranoia does breed. Outside getting a guard dog, we're the best alternative."

Last weekend, a man wearing dark clothing and a facial disguise targeted a 68-year-old woman alone in her home, in the affluent south-side neighbourhood of Aspen Gardens.

Earlier in the year, police believe the same man raped three women in their homes in the Garneau area.

All four of the women who fell victim to the sexual assaults were alone at the time of the crime, and

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Voxcom Security spokesman Gilles Lancot

the attacker forcibly entered each home.

"With the Garneau rapist, had he opened a door and a loud siren went off, maybe that incident wouldn't have happened and he'd have run away."

Police still haven't charged anyone with the crimes, and the only description given of the man is that he is between five foot eight and five foot ten, wearing dark clothing and a facial disguise.

Police have warned all residents to ensure their doors and windows are securely locked, especially at night.

Last night, concerned residents in the Aspen Garden neighbourhood met to discuss ways in which they can increase security measures and watch out for one another.

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Motorized chair, police bike collide

PROCESSION Police are asking pedestrians to be aware of their surroundings after a 58-year-old woman, riding a motorized chair, collided with a police motorcycle Wednesday night.

Police vehicles were escorting a procession of vehicles eastbound on 111 Avenue in the curb lane when the woman rode her chair in a marked crosswalk just east of 84 Street, shortly before 7 p.m., police said.

While the other vehicles in the procession managed to stop, the officer in the motorcycle was unable to, police said. The bike slid into the motorized chair. Both were treated for minor injuries.

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Well if you are, be prepared to shell out. Jean-Michel Cousteau is coming to town. The French oceanographer and son-of-Jacques will talk about Earth, The Water Planet, Our Life Support System at the Shaw Conference Centre, Oct. 20. Tickets are \$135 per person. Call 780 451-3344.

Celebrating Spain in the Square

Overshadowed by the Fringe? Perhaps. But, the Edmonton Hispanic Festival & Expo Latino will not be outdone. Organizers promise to turn Sir Winston Churchill Square into a huge Latin dance floor for two days. That means plenty of Latino rhythms, provided by a host of musicians and dancers. The festival incorporates some 19 different Spanish-speaking nations, so expect plenty of musical and cultural variety. Audience participation is encouraged and instruction in Latino dance will be provided. Arts and crafts displays, as well as food vendors will be scattered around the square.

Local

Fringing 'Big Kahuna' style Indie theatre festival marks 27th year

ANDREAS MORSE
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Do you hear that Edmonton? Off in the distance, a faint chant?

"Oh, we're goin' to a hukilau, huki-huki-huki-huki-huki-hukilau..."

If fish were Fringe shows than this Bing Crosby classic would be the anthem for the 27th edition of the Edmonton International Fringe Festival, otherwise known as: The Big Kahuna.

With over 1,200 shows and performances from 207 companies, getting to see some great theatre will be as easy as throwing a net into the sea.

The question is, will you land a blowfish or the big kahuna?

For the next 10 days I'll split my time between the 27 different venues and the two different beer tents, painstakingly reviewing the hottest tickets in town.

Fringe executive director, Julian Mayne, says tickets are selling at a record-breaking pace for this year's Fringe. They're already up 2,500 from last year's numbers.

"Part of it is weather," Mayne admitted. "But, I also think that there is just some real excitement around this."

A lot of changes were made to the way you purchased tickets last year, but this year Mayne says he thinks people are used to it and are coming out in droves.

While landing the big one isn't always the easi-



Edmontonians Clarice Eckford, left, and Amy Shostak have fun while preparing a vintage ETS bus for their Fringe play "Kiss My Bus" to take place inside the retro vehicle.

est, getting tickets for performances should be.

There are four ways to get them: Online at www.fringetheatreadventures.ca (click on box office), in person at the central box office in the TransAlta Arts Barns, by phone at 780-409-1910, or by going to a box office located at one of the venues.

New to the festival this year, located on the other side of the tracks, are the sideshow Midway Tents.

About seven tents between the TransAlta Arts Barns and 85th Avenue have been transformed into a vintage, European-style midway featuring sideshows, mind readers, comedians and interactive theatre.

Natalie Ozipko, marketing and communications guru for the Fringe, expects it to be a big draw this year.

"There's everything from comedy, to freak shows, to illusions and they're all tented," Ozipko said.

"People were starting to think that perhaps the site wasn't as vibrant as it could be and this was some-

thing that came up and so we thought we would try it."

On top of all that, the Kids Fringe, or Little Kahuna, is still going strong, as well as the many B.Y.O.V.'s (Bring Your Own Venues).

So grab your sunscreen and your surfboards ... and maybe a festival program guide and I'll see you at the Fringe.

Heart Institute pumping up cardiac care

JEFF CUMMINGS
for Metro Edmonton

The Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute will get a 36.5-million-dollar shot in the arm from the provincial government to make the cutting edge cardiac centre among the best in the world.

Using excess cash from this year's projected multi-million

dollar surplus, the Tory government hopes the expansion will improve access to cardiac care

for those who live across Western Canada, said Health Minister Ron Liepert during an announcement yesterday.

"This will be the leading centre of cardiac care in Canada, but quite possibly the best in the world," said Liepert.

The expansion will give researchers more space as they move from the University Hospital into the high-tech facility using state-of-art equipment, like a virtual cardiac care centre where specialists can create three-dimensional images of the heart and blood vessels using technology that includes nuclear medicine imaging and MRI.

The expansion is also an attraction for world-class specialists to move into Edmonton, said Dr. Arvind Koshal, Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at the health institute.

Construction, expected to begin late next year.



Ron Liepert

World-class health research will continue in Edmonton: Liepert

JEFF CUMMINGS
for Metro Edmonton

The health care system in the Edmonton region won't be punished for its success under the provincial government's recent move to chop all of Alberta's health regions into one superboard, vowed Al-

berta Health Minister Ron Liepert yesterday.

Liepert says the controversial shift in Alberta's health care system is aimed at building on the strengths in some regions, while emulating the strengths of others like Capital Health.

"We are not going to, in any way, look at downgrading what we have been do-

ing on the research side," said Liepert during an announcement at the Mazankowski Heart Institute yesterday.

"This city has a reputation internationally for what has transpired in health research and we only want to build on that."

Liepert's comments come after Liberal leader Kevin

Taft held a press conference last month demanding residents in the Edmonton region to call the Tory government about why Capital Health is "being punished for its success" because of the new superboard.

The Tory government's move will harm Capital Health's reputation as a strong leader in promoting

innovation and expertise in health care, accused Taft.

Liepert admitted mistakes were made about not communicating to health leaders and city politicians about how the changes would affect the Edmonton region.

"I will accept some responsibility for probably not communicating as well as we could have," said Liepert.

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What's online today.

Watch video from the funeral of the Montreal teen shot and killed by police and a report on the risks of humanitarian missions abroad.

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Woman who stopped to help driver attacked

VIOCEOUS A woman driving along a rural Alberta road was viciously attacked when she stopped to offer aid to another driver who appeared to be in distress.

On the afternoon of Aug. 5, Two Hills RCMP were called to the scene of what appeared to be an unmotivated assault near the rural community of Morecambe, about 140 kms east of Edmonton.

A woman driving along a deserted road stopped to help the driver of a white pickup truck, who had pulled over and popped his hood open.

When she asked if he needed help, he pulled her out of her vehicle, and beat her while she was on the ground. The middle-aged man, described as a tanned Caucasian with thick, curly dark hair, between five-foot-six and five-foot-10, weighing about 185 pounds, closed the hood of his vehicle and quickly fled the scene.

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Edmonton police officers investigate the scene of a pedestrian fatality near 118 Street and 9B Avenue. A 53-year-old man became the city's 11th traffic fatality of the year after he was struck by a 1976 Datsun driven by a 19-year-old early yesterday morning.

Pedestrian killed

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A man attempting to cross a street in Twin Brooks yesterday morning has become Edmonton's 11th traffic fatality of 2008.

The 53-year-old man was trying to cross 9B Avenue

near 119 Street around 7:30 p.m. yesterday, when he was run down by an oncoming vehicle.

Edmonton Police Services spokesman Jeff Wuite says the man was not on a marked crosswalk.

The victim was rushed to hospital, but died as a result of his injuries a few hours later.

It is not yet known whether charges will be laid against the 19-year-old driver of the 1976 Datsun that took the man's life.

"It's too early to say," Wuite said. "We're still trying to examine if speed may have been a factor."

Police do not believe alcohol was a factor in the crash.

Guardian Angels seek new recruits

BRANCHING OUT A group of angels that fly by night through city streets and alleyways say their ambitions would soar if only membership would pull up from a nosedive.

"We need more people to step up and join us to be able to cover more areas," said Edmonton Guardian Angels chapter leader Dave Schroder. "It's a tough question: Do we spread our areas out and have much less effect, or focus on a few areas until we get more members?"

The angels, a group of regular Joe citizens tired of feeling unsafe in their neighbourhoods, landed in Edmonton in 2006.

Currently, the angels are operating with a mere five graduated members who have completed self-defence training and security clearance, along with a few new recruits. With so few members, it focuses its efforts on the inner-city area, normally around 118 Avenue, patrolling about twice a week.

New recruit, Bradon Pfleger, 17, says his choice to

adorn angel wings and a red beret was a simple one.

"There is so much crime in this city. I wanted to make a difference," said the Mill Woods teen. "More young people need to join us, especially to show there is diversity among us."

Since its inception here, the group that has been called "vigilantes" has been subject to public scrutiny.

"I don't know if it was the way the person that tried to get it going presented things, but the relationship we have with police is getting better all the time," Schroder said, adding that police will warn the angels about potential danger zones, and what to keep an eye on while on the streets.

"We're extra eyes and ears for the police, but if we see something like a woman being sexually assaulted, we're not just going to call police, we'll do something, immediately."

To get involved with the Guardian Angels or for more information, visit www.edmontonguardianangels.com.

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The city's largest landlord has reported a profit of \$11.7 million during its second quarter, even as more condos are being built in Edmonton than ever before. Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust said it earned a rental revenue of \$105.5 million for a three month period ending in June. **METRO EDMONTON**

Bugs inspiration in scuba research

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It's a bug's life, even under water.

And how some bugs, including some spiders, are able to survive under water for long periods of time can one day be mimicked by human technology, believes Morris Flynn, an assistant professor at University of Alberta.

Flynn studied how aquatic insects are able to breathe underwater during his post-doctoral research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Since the rough, waxy surfaces of insects are water repellent, Flynn found that some water-repellency is so pronounced in some species, that the bugs can survive under water almost indefinitely.

The bugs are able to

"(The findings) would allow you to add more instrumentation to robots when they go searching for treasure or making measurements."

University of Alberta assistant professor Morris Flynn

survive by an air bubble that the insects trap between its body and its hairs that acts as an external lung.

The lung facilitates oxygen and carbon dioxide exchange with the surrounding water.

The closer together the hairs are, the more pressure the bubble can withstand before it collapses, said Flynn.

"We've had these grand

ambitions about making millions and millions of dollars with these new scuba," said Flynn.

"The unfortunate thing for humans is that we are really big animals and being warm-blooded, our metabolic rates are just too high to be able to make this very feasible."

Flynn said the new findings could help robots operate underwater by designing a new material that will allow it to extract air through the ocean rather than having an oxygen canister.

"This would allow you to add more instrumentation to these robots when they go searching for treasure or making measurements," said Flynn.

Flynn is continuing his work at the University of Alberta.

Some of that work includes how bacteria are able to breathe in carbon dioxide underwater.

Fringe fest Poster walkthrough



Edmontonian John Hoedl peruses the poster boards along 104 Street yesterday afternoon. The 27th Edmonton International Fringe Festival invades Old Strathcona bringing thousands of visitors from now until August 24.

Foul play ruled out in death

AUTOPSY A Hobbema woman, whose body was found in three feet of water near two culverts at a ditch near Nisku late Wednesday, wasn't a victim of foul play, believes a medical examiner.

All that's left is a toxicology study that will be conducted at the medical examiner's office to confirm the 45-year-old woman's death wasn't criminal.

"It's still going to be a few months before we get the results of the toxicology tests," said Cst. Jodi Heidinger, a spokeswoman with Leduc RCMP. "This is no longer a suspicious death investigation."

Heidinger, said the woman didn't have a fixed address, but investigators believe she was originally from Hobbema.

Mounties believe she was last heard from on July 23, before she was reported missing July 29.

The woman's identity hasn't been released until next of kin are notified.

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Two cases of West Nile virus in humans have been reported in Manitoba. A Winnipeg man in his 50s has tested positive for the virus. The second, out-of-province person is believed to have visited western Manitoba and caught the virus there. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Rowdy flyer charged

A B.C. man has been accused of causing a disturbance on a WestJet flight from Vancouver to Winnipeg on Wednesday. Winnipeg police allege the "agitated, irritable" man yelled at passengers and flight attendants, and caused damage to the plane's overhead panels during the flight. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Tories may trigger an election

OTTAWA Prime Minister Stephen Harper suggested yesterday he may have to force the dissolution of Parliament and trigger an election.

"I'm going to have to make a judgment ... as to whether or not this Parliament can function productively," Harper said.

He complained about legislation being stalled in the Liberal-dominated Senate and obstructed in the House of Commons.

"I don't think that's a tenable situation," he added, before repeating a dare to Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, first delivered last month, to bring down the government or else let bills pass.

"The choice is either to let this government govern, or to let the people decide," Harper said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

OTTAWA Failed Conservative candidate Sam Goldstein disrupted an ethics committee today. He accused the committee of not hearing Tory testimony, even though it wasn't his day to appear. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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'We recognize the sacrifice given': Oda

Condolences, praise for slain Canadian aid workers

International Co-operation Minister Beverley Oda extended her condolences to the families of the two Canadian humanitarian workers gunned down Wednesday in a Taliban ambush in Afghanistan.

Foreign aid workers regularly "demonstrate the strength of their courage and their compassion" on missions such as the one Jacqueline Kirk and Shirley Case were deployed to in the war-torn country.

Kirk, a 40-year-old Canadian-British citizen from Montreal, and Case, 30, of 100 Mile House, B.C., were killed when Taliban fighters opened fire on their vehicle south of Kabul. Trinidadian-U.S. citizen Nicole Dial, 32, and 25-year-old driver Mohammad Aimal also died in the attack.

The three women were working for the New York-based International Rescue Committee. "All members of government recognize

"They showed strength of their courage and compassion."
Beverly Oda

the sacrifice that has been given," the minister said.

"There are growing concerns in every country (where aid workers are deployed) about the safety of humanitarian workers," she said. "We are in a conflict

zone. There is a war going on." Humanitarian aid groups "take into consideration the safety and security" of all aid workers, keeping in mind established precedents about acceptable safety levels, Oda said.

She added that aid organizations are required to share with Canadian officials "sound plans as to the safety of workers," which vary with the different conditions in each country.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police shooting Montreal man mourned



More than 300 mourners gathered in Montreal yesterday to pay their last respects to Fredy Villanueva, 18, who was shot and killed by a Montreal police officer last Saturday in a multi-ethnic neighbourhood where relations between police and youth have long been frayed. The teen's death ignited a riot last Sunday. See more videos online at metronews.ca.

Liberals lead Tories in polls

OTTAWA The opposition Liberals have maintained a one-point lead over the governing Conservatives, according to the latest Harris-Decima popularity poll.

The poll put the Liberals at 33 percent and the Conservatives at 32 percent. The New Democrats stand at 15 percent and the Greens at 6 percent.

The findings contradict results from a survey released earlier this month by rival pollster Ipsos Reid. It found the Conservatives four points ahead of the Liberals. **REUTERS**

U.S. court to rehear Arar case

OTTAWA A U.S. court will rehear a lawsuit it earlier rejected from Canadian Maher Arar, who claims the U.S. government sent him illegally to Syria where he was tortured for a year.

In June, a U.S. appeals court panel ruled 2-1 that the Syrian-born Arar failed to establish that the federal court had jurisdiction to hear his complaint.

Yesterday, the same court issued "an extremely rare" order to rehear the case before a 12-judge panel, without either side requesting it. **REUTERS**

Russia has 'Soviet-era' mentality: Harper

OTTAWA Russia's military intrusion into parts of Georgia reflects a "Soviet-era mentality" that is deeply troubling, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday as he urged Moscow to withdraw.

"I am deeply troubled by a notion I see developing in Russia ... that Russia somehow has a say or some control over countries outside of its borders. In my judgment this is a very worrisome development," Harper told reporters at an event in Newfoundland.

"It really indicates a Soviet-era mentality and I think it is something that all democratic countries should speak out strongly against and I hope Russia will reconsider its actions," Harper said.

Russian troops have occupied parts of Georgia since repelling a Georgian attack last week on the tiny pro-Russian separatist territory of South Ossetia.

On Thursday, Russian armed forces moved in or around at least three Georgian towns, ignoring demands by Washington and other Western countries that Moscow respect Georgia's territorial integrity. **REUTERS**

Georgia/Russia

Possible scenarios

- U.S.-Russian ties look set to deteriorate further if Russia shows no sign of pulling its forces back soon.
- A U.S. humanitarian airlift to Georgia brings U.S. and Russian forces into close proximity, creating additional risks.
- A ceasefire and signs of Russian withdrawal from Georgia may create a diplomatic breathing space and comfort financial markets.

News in brief

OTTAWA U.S. army deserter Jeremy Hinzman will appeal a deportation order with Canada's Federal Court. Hinzman deserted in 2004 when he received orders to go to Iraq. He applied for refugee status but was denied. **REUTERS**

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Certain commonly available skin creams may cause skin tumours, at least in mice, and experts should be checking to see if they might cause growths in people as well, researchers reported yesterday. **REUTERS**

World



Taiwan accepts pandas

Taiwan has finally approved the import of two giant pandas from China named Yuan Yuan and Tuan Tuan, overcoming suspicions that delayed their arrival by two years. China has vowed to bring Taiwan under its rule, and offered the pandas a gesture of zoological diplomacy -- their names, said together, mean "unite."

REUTERS

States want autonomy

Georgia's Russia-backed rebel regions toughened their push for independence yesterday, ruling out talks with Tbilisi following a week-long conflict between Russia and Georgia.

Eduard Kokoity and Sergei Bagapsh, self-styled presidents of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, flew to Moscow in a surprise visit to thank the Kremlin for its support during the conflict and seek Moscow's guarantees in their drive for independence.

Georgia sent troops to South Ossetia a week ago to regain control over the region but Moscow crushed Georgian forces

Uncanny guess

Geoff Smith, a Kiev-based analyst for Renaissance Capital investment bank, anticipated the Georgian conflict two days before it even started in an e-mail to a fellow strategist.

five days later, drawing condemnation from the West.

Earlier at the Kremlin, Medvedev said Russia supported the two regions' position in talks on their future status but did not explicitly say Russia would recognise their independence.

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Saudis ruled immune from Sept. 11 lawsuit

RULING The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, four princes and other Saudi entities are immune from a lawsuit filed by victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families alleging they gave material support to al-Qaida, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

The victims and their

families argued that because the defendants gave money to Muslim charities that in turn gave money to al-Qaida, they should be held responsible.

The appeals court found that the defendants are protected under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act.

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Trafficking Shriver takes stage at L.A. discussion



Maria Shriver, first lady of California, speaks at a discussion titled Human Trafficking: A Unified Call to Action, as Lourdes Laborin, first lady of Sonora Mexico, listens at the Border Governors Conference in Los Angeles yesterday.

Karadzic's family could face prosecution

WAR CRIMES The family of ex-Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic could face prosecution for helping him avoid arrest on

war crimes charges for 11 years, a top international official said yesterday.

Karadzic faces charges of genocide for the 1992 Srebrenica massacre of some

8,000 Bosnian Muslims and the Sarajevo siege in which over 14,000 people died.

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News in brief

MEXICO More than 30 American black bears have been sighted in and around the city of Monterrey in northern Mexico since April, some in gardens trying to drink from swimming pools and others in schools and on building sites as they seek food and water.

POLAND Poland and the United States are finalizing an agreement to station parts of the U.S. global missile shield on Polish soil, said Prime Minister Donald Tusk.

LAYOFFS Gannett Co. Inc. plans to eliminate 1,000 positions

from its local newspapers around the U.S. because of declining advertising and circulation revenue, and may cut more if those conditions persist. The cuts equal about 3 percent of the positions in its Community Publishing unit.

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Clinton to be symbolic candidate

CONVENTION Hillary Clinton will be symbolically put forward as a presidential candidate at the Democratic convention later this month in Denver, even though she narrowly lost the nominating battle to Barack Obama.

Obama insisted that Clinton's name be placed in nomination, the campaigns said in a joint statement that noted both senators are looking forward to a unified convention.

The Obama campaign hopes the move will dispel any lingering tensions between the supporters of the former rivals, but it could also highlight those tensions to a national television audience.

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Libya, U.S. settle suits

POLITICS Libya and the United States signed a deal yesterday to compensate all U.S. and Libyan victims of bombings or their relatives, clearing the way for the former foes to improve faltering ties.

U.S. victims covered include those who died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. It also covers Libyans killed in 1986 U.S. plane bombings.

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A new kind of antibody drug, Micromet Inc.'s experimental drug blinatumomab, that makes the body's own "killer" T-cells fight tumours has produced promising early-stage results in patients with previously incurable non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. **REUTERS**

Rally Effigies on parade



Effigies representing, from left, Argentina President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Brazil President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Paraguay President-elect Fernando Lugo, Venezuela President Hugo Chavez and Bolivia President Evo Morales are paraded during a rally, the night before his five-year term inauguration in Asuncion yesterday.

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Singer sues McCain

Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne is suing Republican presidential nominee John McCain and the Republican party for using his song Running on Empty in a recent TV commercial.

In the suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, Browne claims McCain and the party did not obtain permission to use the song for an ad in which

"Senator McCain and the Republicans mock Democratic candidate for president Barack Obama for suggesting that the country conserve gas through proper tire inflation."

Browne, a lifelong Democrat, is seeking unspecified damages as well as a permanent injunction prohibiting the use of Running on Empty in any form by the McCain cam-

"Senator McCain and his agents plainly infringed Mr. Browne's copyright."

Lawyer Lawrence Iser

paign.

"Not only have Senator McCain and his agents

plainly infringed Mr. Browne's copyright in 'Running on Empty,' but the federal courts have long held that the unauthorized use of a famous singer's voice in a commercial constitutes a false endorsement and a violation of the singer's right of publicity," Lawrence Iser, Browne's lawyer, said yesterday.

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A-level British students get exam results



Lizzie Antrobus and Maral Rouhani react after receiving their A-level exam results in Manchester, northern England, yesterday. Thousands of sixth-form pupils received their A-level results, with forecasts of a new record pass rate set to lead to tough competition for university places.

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Musharraf to quit as president?

IMPEACH Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf will resign rather than face impeachment by parliament, the Financial Times said, citing government officials and a member of his circle. The paper said a deal had been brokered between Musharraf and members of the newly elected coalition government.

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Housing boom threatens bears

MEXICO More than 30 American black bears have been sighted around Monterrey in northern Mexico since April, some in gardens trying to drink from swimming pools and others in schools and on building sites as they seek food and water.

A housing boom in Mexico's richest city risks destroying the officially endangered bears' habitats in the surrounding forested mountains, environmentalists say.

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Portal to mythical Mayan underworld uncovered

MAZE Mexican archeologists have discovered a maze of stone temples in underground caves, some submerged in water and containing human bones, which ancient Mayans believed was a portal where dead souls entered the underworld.

Clad in scuba gear and edging through narrow tunnels, researchers discovered the stone ruins of eleven sacred temples and what could be the remains of human sacrifices at the site in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Archeologists say Mayans believed the underground complex of water-

filled caves leading into dry chambers — including an underground road stretching some 100 meters — was the path to a mythical underworld, known as Xibalba.

According to an ancient Mayan scripture, the Popol Vuh, the route was filled with obstacles, including rivers filled with scorpions, blood and pus and houses shrouded in darkness or swarming with shrieking bats, Guillermo de Anda, an investigator at the site, said yesterday.

Excavations over the past five months revealed stone carvings and pottery left for the dead.

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Poland agrees to host U.S. missiles

SHIELD Poland agreed yesterday to host elements of the U.S. global anti-missile shield system after Washington improved the terms of the deal. Prime Minister Donald Tusk had been holding out for enhanced military co-operation.

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Sarajevo may rebuild wartime tunnel

ESCAPE The narrow tunnel that ran beneath Sarajevo airport was people's only escape route during the longest siege in modern history, a symbol of a brutal war that split families and pitted neighbours against each other.

After marking the 15th anniversary of the now

largely destroyed tunnel's opening, some in the capital of Bosnia hope to reconstruct the passage which meant escape or at least brief relief from desperate times. Yet the sensitive project lacks funds and they say it may be an opportunity for foreign investors.

"It should be reconstructed to remember those times and show Bosnians and the world how we lived, how we survived," said Ismet Hadzic, a general during the war who ran one half of the tunnel.

"If the city rebuilds it, it would become the premier tourist destination in the

city."

Like Vietnam's Cu Chi tunnels or the Anne Frank House Museum in Amsterdam, the tunnel that helped ordinary people survive in Sarajevo through more than 1,000 days under siege embodies the local spirit of resistance.

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Like Revlon and Avon Products, Estee Lauder Cos and Elizabeth Arden reported quarterly profits that met or topped Wall Street estimates, demonstrating that tough times do not cause women to cut back on make-up, skin creams and perfumes. **REUTERS**

Business

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Plutonic, GE team up on hydro bid

PROJECT Plutonic Power has teamed up with General Electric's energy financing arm to bid on a \$4 billion hydro project in British Columbia, which it said would be Canada's largest private-sector hydroelectric investment. The project, in the Bute Inlet development, would have enough capacity to power 300,000 homes.

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Takeover bid for Sleep Country

CONTROL Private equity firms Birch Hill Equity Partners Management and Westerkirk Capital launched a \$299 million friendly takeover bid yesterday for Sleep Country Canada Income Fund to take control of the country's largest mattress retailer. Christine Magee, Sleep Country's president, founder and pitchwoman, will stay with the company. **REUTERS**

Housing prices cool

Canadian average home prices have fallen for the second straight month in a row, raising concern by economists that the housing market may have been caught in the undertow of a U.S. based recession.

Average home prices nationally fell by a significant 3.6 per cent to \$327,020, from year ago levels in Ju-

ly, according to figures released by the Canadian Real Estate Association yesterday.

In June, prices fell by 0.4 per cent, the first time the market recorded a decrease in nearly a decade.

"We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing. We hope it's not the begin-

"We had a small drop the month before, but this looks like the real thing."

Millan Mulraine

ning of an accelerating trend," said TD Securities Economics Strategist Mil-

lan Mulraine.

The bulk of the declines were in the western provinces, with cities such as Calgary down by 7.8 per cent and Edmonton by 5.3 per cent. The previously unassailable Vancouver market saw a 1 per cent drop, all helping to bring the national average down.

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Tesco Stepping into India



Tesco PLC Director for Asia and Europe Philip Clarke speaks during a news conference in Mumbai yesterday. Tesco, the world's No.3 retailer, plans to set up shop in India with a wholesale cash-and-carry business and a deal to help Indian conglomerate Tata Group grow its hypermarket business.

Reward costs hit Aeroplan profit

LOYALTY Second-quarter profit at Groupe Aeroplan fell 36 per cent as its cost of rewards and other expenses rose, the consumer loyalty program operator said yesterday. Aeroplan, best known as Air Canada's frequent flier program operator, earned \$31.5 million, down from year-earlier \$49.5 million. **REUTERS**

Bush signs consumer bill

SAFETY Legislation aimed at improving U.S. consumer product safety after millions of Chinese-made toys were recalled last summer was signed into law by U.S. President George W. Bush yesterday. It cuts the amount of lead in toys and partially bans plastic softening chemicals called phthalates. **REUTERS**

Lawsuit queries 9-1-1 charges

WIRELESS Patricia Robson has long assumed the 50-cent "9-1-1 emergency service access fee" on her monthly Rogers Wireless bill goes directly toward paying for emergency services. But a new lawsuit seeking class action status alleges that, in the case of Rogers, only a fraction of the charge — 9.5 cents in Ontario — is actually required by regulators.

Rivals Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp. each charge a 75-cent fee to their wireless customers for 9-1-1 services.

That collectively translates into nearly \$100 million each year in extra wireless charges based on subscriber statistics.

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Chip problems on iPhone: Reports

COMPLAINTS An Infineon chip could be at the root of complaints from around the world that Apple Inc.'s new iPhone drops calls and has unpredictable Internet links, according to a research report from Nomura.

BusinessWeek also reported the iPhone is suffering from faulty software on an Infineon chip, and that Apple plans to fix it with a software update.

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In brief

RETAIL Wal-Mart Stores is determined to maintain its low prices despite growing pressure from suppliers seeking price increases as commodity prices hit record levels, its chief financial officer Tom Schoewe said yesterday. **REUTERS**

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Toronto's Ashley Holzer placed 19th in the individual dressage competition yesterday with a score of 67.042 to qualify for the next round. No other Canadians moved on. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beijing Games

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Pierse breaks Canadian mark

SWIMMING Edmonton's Annamay Pierse broke the Canadian record in the women's 200-metre breaststroke final early this morning in Beijing in a time of 2:23.77, but she finished sixth.



Pierse

American Rebecca Soni broke the world record in a time of 2:20.22 en route to an upset of Australia's Leisel Jones, who won the 100-metre race earlier in the week, for the gold. Norway's Sara Nordenstam took bronze.

Medallist fails dope test: IOC

DOPING North Korean shooting silver medallist Kim Jong-su has tested positive for a banned substance and been excluded from the Beijing Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee spokeswoman said early this morning.

A Vietnamese artistic gymnast, who finished out of the medals, has also tested positive for a banned substance, she said.

Bolt, Powell, Gay breeze in heats

ATHLETICS World record holder Usain Bolt barely broke sweat despite sweltering temperatures to cruise through the Olympic 100 metres heats along with compatriot Asafa Powell and world champion Tyson Gay early this morning in Beijing.

Jamaican Bolt won his heat in 10.20 seconds, while Powell ran 10.16 and American Gay in 10.22. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	China	22	8	5	35
#2	U.S.	10	9	15	34
#3	South Korea	6	7	3	16
#4	Australia	5	4	7	16
#5	France	2	8	5	15
#6	Russia	3	8	3	14
#7	Italy	6	4	3	13
#8	Germany	7	2	3	12
#9	Japan	5	3	3	11
#10	Britain	2	2	3	7
#11	Netherlands	1	2	4	7
#12	North Korea	1	2	4	7
	Canada	0	0	0	0

(Count at the end of Day 6)

Sizzling sixth gold for phenom Phelps

American just one short of Spitz's mark

Michael Phelps moved within reach of his goal of winning eight gold medals at the Beijing Olympics when he won his sixth early this morning with another world record, his sixth in a week.

The seemingly-invincible American stormed to victory in the 200-metre individual medley final, equalling his golden haul from Athens four years ago and leaving him just one short of matching Mark Spitz's record of seven golds in Munich in 1972.

Phelps led all the way to touch the wall first in one minute 54.23 seconds, 0.57 inside his previous record of 1:54.80 set at last month's U.S. Olympic trials, beating Hungary's

Laszlo Cseh and teammate Ryan Lochte.

Keith Beavers of Orangeville, Ont., placed seventh in a time of 1:59.43.

The 23-year-old Phelps had earlier won the 400 individual medley, 4x100 freestyle relay, 200 freestyle, 4x200 freestyle relay and 200 butterfly.

"I just wanted to step on it in the first 50 a little bit and try and get out to an early lead," said Phelps. "I knew in the first half if I got a big enough lead I though I could hang on and that's all I wanted to do."

Cseh won his third silver medal behind Phelps this week, while Lochte grabbed the bronze despite diving back into the pool half an hour after he broke the 200-metre back-

stroke world record to win his first individual gold.

Lochte wiped 0.38 off the record he shared with his teammate Aaron Peirsol when he surged away on the last length to win in 1:53.94. Peirsol held on for the silver while the bronze went to Russian Arkady Vyatchanin.

Germany's Britta Steffen won the women's 100 freestyle final by a fingertip from Australia's world record holder Libby Trickett.

Steffen, who held the world record for nearly two years until Trickett snatched it in March, overhauled the Australian on the last stroke to win gold in 53.12 with Trickett just 0.04 behind and American Natalie Coughlin third.

REUTERS



Michael Phelps of the U.S. set his sixth world record at the Beijing Games early this morning in the men's 200-metre individual medley final at the National Aquatics Centre.

Dream Team gets revenge on Greece

BASKETBALL The United States men's team booked a quarter-final place in the Olympic men's basketball competition yesterday with a 92-69 win over Greece featuring a dizzying array of acrobatic dunks from Kobe Bryant and LeBron James.

Bryant scored 18 points, while James chipped in with 13 as the Americans gained a measure of revenge for a semifinal defeat by the Greeks in the 2006 world championships.

"We're 10 times better than we were in '06," James said. "We don't have weakness but we know if we don't come out with intensity and play how we know we can play we can lose."

A chest-thumping Yao Ming relentlessly powered hosts China to their first victory in the tournament yesterday.

Screaming constantly at his teammates to get him the ball, China's giant centre scored 30 points in a 85-68 Group B triumph over Angola to boost their hopes of advancing.

"I think that's our chemistry," said Yao. "It feels



American teammates LeBron James and Kobe Bryant celebrate during their eventual rout of Greece yesterday at the Beijing Games.

great to win at the Olympics. It's a totally different feeling to win on your home court but we still have a long road to go."

World champions Spain secured their place in the

quarter-finals with a 72-59 Group B victory over Germany helped by 15 points from Toronto Raptors guard Jose Calderon.

Lithuania upset European champions Russia,

the three-time Olympic bronze medallists, winning 86-79 in Group A to book their spot in the last eight and leave the Russians at 1-2.

REUTERS

Canadians feel Cuban thunder

BASEBALL Cuban bats were booming on a stormy day at the Olympic baseball tournament, Alexander Malleta and Alfredo Despaigne smacking two-run homers to lift the defending gold medallists to a 7-6 win over Canada yesterday.

Earlier, it was ferocious storms providing the thunder at Wukesong Field as rains swept across the Olympic city, interrupting play and forcing the postponement of one game.

Canada produced fireworks of their own, Nick Weglarz slamming a pair of homers and Michael Saunders adding a two-run shot to power them to a 5-3 sixth-inning lead.

But Cuba hit back in the bottom of the inning with two-run blasts from Despaigne and Malleta to go in front and leave the three-time Olympic champions unbeaten and on course for another gold medal.

"It was a missed opportunity," Canadian coach Terry Puhl said. **REUTERS**

Wrestling

Swedish 84-kg wrestler Ara Abrahamian took off his greco-roman bronze medal on the podium and threw it down in protest yesterday after his bid for Olympic gold was ended by a decision denounced by the Swedish coach as "politics". **REUTERS**

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Beijing Games

Bling-bling is the thing

Expert believes cash would help Canada reach podium

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So the question, essentially, is whether Ontarian **Mike Brown** would not have fallen 9/100ths of a second short of a bronze medal at the Olympics had he received more funding for training before splashing into the pool in Beijing?

The answer, essentially, is: Who knows?

Jane Roos believes she does. The founder a decade ago of a charity devoted to raising funds for Canada's Olympians — check out www.canadianathletes-now.ca — Roos knows what our athletes have done behind the scenes to make ends meet and pursue their dreams simultaneously. She knows how they train. And

strain. And drain their brains.

And she insists that, under the circumstances, they're faring well in China. Medals or not.

"Considering their lack of financial support," she says, "they're doing great."

"Take Mike Brown. He finished fourth (in the 200-metre breaststroke). Many of us couldn't finish fourth in anything on our street, let alone in world-class swimming. Mike sent me an email right after the race. He basically told me he was proud and sad at the same time. But there's no way he should be sad."

And he wouldn't be, Roos reckons, if he'd received more money for pre-Olympic training.

"I think a more elite training system would have enabled Mike to win a medal," Roos says. "Very few of our athletes can train as, say, the Americans do. In Canada, athletes get some funding from the govern-

ment, about \$1,500 a year. And then our organization raises enough to give athletes \$12,000 a year. We've raised \$7-million for them in 10 years. We're proud of that, but it's not enough. Nobody wants to hear our athletes complain, but they're unable to legitimately compete against the Americans, who get millions and millions from private corporations. Canadian corporations say in expensive commercials they take care of our athletes, but do they?"

"Considering their lack of financial support, (Canadian athletes are) doing great."

Jane Roos

"Our corporations can do much better. So could our government."

Canadians such as Toronto businessman **Jeff Frketch** argue against tax dollars for Olympians.

"Why care about how many medals Canada wins?" he asked in an email

he sent me yesterday. "Lack of funding hampers our athletes. So should we spend hundreds of millions so we can win a medal in field hockey? Badminton? Synchronized diving? Please. We have some real problems in this country that need the money."

Roos agrees, but only partly.

"We have problems, yes," she says, "but Canada has enough resources to address them and also help our athletes. We need excellence on a world stage. We get depressed when we don't win medals and we need to focus on making dreams come true."

The debate, of course, shall continue.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Federer, Williamses bounced in Beijing

TENNIS Three of the biggest names in tennis, Roger Federer and sisters Venus and Serena Williams, crashed out at the quarter-final stage of the Olympics in a night of shocks yesterday.

Federer's nightmare year plumbed new depths when he lost to American James Blake, a player he had beaten in all eight of their previous meetings.

The Swiss top seed's game went totally haywire against Blake and he lost 6-4, 7-6.

"I always believed in myself," said Blake, now just one victory away from a guaranteed medal.

With news of Federer's shock defeat reverberating around the stadium, Serena Williams became the second of the night's big casualties when she lost to Russian fifth seed Elena Dementieva 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Home favourite Li Na then stole the show, out-hitting double Olympic champion Venus Williams in a sensational 7-5, 7-5 victory.

Blake now plays Fer-



Li Na of China celebrates after defeating Venus Williams of the U.S. 7-5, 7-5 in their quarter-final yesterday in Beijing.

nando Gonzalez of Chile, who beat France's Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-4, 6-4.

Second seed Rafael Nadal thrashed Austria's Jurgen Melzer 6-0, 6-4 to set up a semifinal with Serbian third seed Novak Djokovic who beat Frenchman Gael Monfils 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

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The Philadelphia Flyers reached an agreement with head coach John Stevens on a two-year contract extension yesterday. Since his hiring on October 22, 2006, the Campbellton, N.B., native has compiled a 63-71-22 mark in 156 games. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Bills best Steelers

Bills 24 Steelers 21

In a perfect world, every one who comes out to the Bills in Toronto series would be like Simon Doyle.

He's a patriotic Canadian who loves the CFL, but who drove down from Ottawa with a friend to watch the Buffalo Bills play the Pittsburgh Steelers at the Rogers Centre.

Doyle purchased a tick-

"This is the NFL. It's the biggest stage."

Simon Doyle

et package giving him two seats to each of the Bills' first three games in Toronto, and even before last night's game kicked off, he said it was worth every cent of the \$1,800 he paid.

"I know I don't come see the Argos, but that's

not my team. This is the NFL. It's the biggest stage."

But the Bills and Steelers didn't play last night's pre-season game in a perfect world.

Instead the game — which, for the record, ended in a 24-21 Bills win — took place in the real world, where 48,434 Canadian fans embraced the NFL's latest venture north of the border.

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Sports in brief

NFL Adam "Pacman" Jones, the Dallas Cowboys' suspended cornerback, said yesterday he's sent a letter to the NFL commissioner asking to be allowed to play this season, TSN.ca reports. Jones hasn't played in the NFL since Dec. 31, 2006.

MLB Edgar Renteria hit a two-run double as part of a five-run eighth inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 5-1 win over the Toronto Blue Jays to avoid a sweep in the last of a four-game set at Detroit's Comerica Park.

NHL The Pittsburgh Penguins broke ground on their new arena yesterday. The new multi-purpose facility, which is located beside Mellon Arena, is slated to open in time for the 2010-11 season.

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Roy's surgery successful

Portland Trail Blazers guard Brandon Roy, left, underwent successful arthroscopic surgery yesterday to repair a meniscus tear in his left knee. The All-Star from the University of Washington learned of the injury following an MRI on Tuesday and is expected to be sidelined four-to-eight weeks.

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Paula Creamer, former LPGA Rookie of the Year, shot a 1-under 71 at the CN Canadian Women's Open yesterday, and sits four strokes off the lead heading into the second round.

Ochoa on top at Canadian Open

GOLF Defending champion Lorena Ochoa birdied her final hole for a 6-under-par 66 and took a one-stroke lead over world No. 2 Annika Sorenstam yesterday in the first round of the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open at the Ottawa Hunt and Gold Club.

Sorenstam won the inaugural CN Canadian Women's Open in 2001 at Angus Glen Golf Club in

Markham, Ont., but has not made it back to Canada to defend her title, as the annual contest has overlapped the Ladies European Tour's Scandinavian TPC, an event where Sorenstam plays host. Alena Sharp carded a 1-under-par 71 to emerge as the frontrunner in a pack of 16 Canadians in this week's field.

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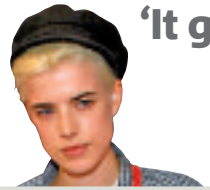
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Actresses Penelope Cruz, left, and Scarlett Johansson star in Woody Allen's latest film *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*, which has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself, our reviewer writes.

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Girlicious vow that one day they'll be taken seriously.

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Rainn Wilson got to let loose in *The Rocker* role.

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Movies

Allen makes this European excursion work

Vicky Cristina Barcelona

Director: Woody Allen
Stars: Javier Bardem, Scarlett Johansson, Penelope Cruz
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈⓈ

PHIL BROWN
 for Metro Canada

REVIEW Vicky Cristina Barcelona appears on screens one year shy of the 40th anniversary of Woody Allen's directorial debut *Take The Money And Run*.

Despite the fact that the director has averaged one film per year since, his latest movie has the energy, vitality, and themes of a young filmmaker trying to make a name for himself. A change of scenery

worked wonders for Allen in 2005 when he traveled to London to make *Match Point* (arguably his greatest drama), and a Spanish setting has proved to be equally inspiring for the 72-year-old filmmaker on this project, which is his finest romantic comedy in years.

Scarlett Johansson and Rebecca Hall star as the titular duo Vicky and Cristina, two lost souls spending a summer in Barcelona.

They meet Juan Antonio (Javier Bardem), an artist who introduces himself by inviting the pair to join him for a weekend of food, wine, and lovemaking.

The girls agree and while Vicky must put aside her feelings for Juan because of an impending marriage, Cristina continues her affair with the artist, which grows more

complicated when his ex-wife (Penelope Cruz) returns.

What follows is a breezy, cheerful, and hilarious ode to youthful indiscretions filmed in the burned-out warm colors and unpredictable style of New Mexican Cinema.

Ever the pessimist, Allen refuses to grant his characters a "happily ever after," but the movie still benefits from the most joyful representation love that Allen has permitted on screen since Dianne Keaton uttered "La-di-da."

Granted, the film suggests that such love is fleeting and must be appreciated before it inevitably disappears, but by Woody's standards that statement is practically a Hallmark card.

Away from his New York setting, Vicky Christina



Javier Bardem and Scarlett Johansson star in Woody Allen's *Vicky Cristina Barcelona*.

Barcelona certainly doesn't rank among Allen's greatest achievements, but it is his most successful comedy this decade and boasts sensa-

tional performances from Bardem and Cruz (whose brief kiss with Johansson has been sadly over publicized).

Hopefully this hit-and-

miss four year cinematic excursion to Europe will revitalize Allen when he returns to New York to shoot his upcoming collaboration with Larry David.

Fish out of water, thanks to Rainn Reppin' the 'Peg

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Rainn Wilson enjoyed getting out of *The Office* for a little while.

The Emmy-nominated and Screen Actors Guild winner got to trade in his role as the authoritarian and socially inept sales rep Dwight Schrute in the NBC sitcom for a shaggy-haired, beer-swilling musician in his new family comedy *The Rocker* — filmed in part in Toronto.

In the movie directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Peter Cattaneo (*The Full Monty*), Wilson plays Fish, a drummer in a 1980s hair metal group who's ditched by his band mates just as they're on the cusp of superstardom. He gets a new lease on life, and a chance at the fame he missed out on after a clip of him

drumming in the nude for his nephew's band surfaces online. "I'm so used to playing nerdy weirdos," says Wilson, 42.

"So it was a fun challenge to get out and cut loose for the role of Fish. I didn't really have any specific drummers in mind when I worked out the part, though, because there are so many great ones, and I wanted to create this character that was all flash and no substance."

"Most of my memory from filming this thing was a lot of artificial sweat and a Hallowe'en wig."

The premise sounds like a familiar story involving a certain Fab Four and their former drummer, doesn't it? But the music aficionado — he's a fan of Wilco, Bob Dylan and The National to name a few — insists he never asked Pete Best, arguably the music



Rainn Wilson got nude and sweaty for his role as a drummer in his upcoming movie, *The Rocker*.

world's most notorious could-have-been (who makes a cameo in the movie), for insight on what it's like to be the one left behind.

"No, I didn't take any tips from him, but it was very cool to meet him," says Wilson. "I was really nervous about it, actually."

So with *The Rocker* in the can, Wilson's looking forward to the 3-D feature *Transformers II: Revenge*

of *The Fallen*, slated for release next June. Online reports say the actor will make a cameo as a university professor, but Wilson's pretty tight-lipped about it himself. He will offer this little nugget of information, however:

"I get to kill Shia LeBeouf," he laughs.

"It's going to be pretty awesome, because that annoying little jerk has it coming."

My Winnipeg

Director: Guy Maddin
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REVIEW Suggesting nothing so much as a Canadian Heritage Minute distended to feature length and spiced with peyote, Guy Maddin's poetic documentary *My Winnipeg* is easily the most ambitious film ever made about the capital of Manitoba. Granted, it's a pretty short list. But I'd go even further and say that *My Winnipeg* is the greatest statement of civic pride in recent Canadian cinema.

The film begins with Maddin insisting, via

voiceover, that he must literally and figuratively leave the city ASAP, lest he succumb to its hypnotic undertow. But that's exactly what happens — instead of getting out, he and his onscreen surrogate, played in a state of perpetual slumpage by Darcy Fehr, are pulled back in. In the hope of exorcising his ghosts, Maddin restages psychologically fraught scenes from his childhood, claiming his family's willing participation even as his mother is clearly being played by 40s noir legend Ann Savage.

These symbolically charged vignettes unfold in between believe-it-or-not stories about Winnipeg's past, from hockey heroes to (frozen) horse heads. His groggily fantastic Winnipeg could be your Montreal, or somebody else's Moncton.

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Movies

★★★★★ A CLASSIC; ★★★★★ EXCELLENT; ★★★ GOOD; ★★ FAIR; ★ POOR

Movie morsels

Tropic thunder

REVIEW Ben Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons.

Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes". Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie.

It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Sisterhood of the Traveling

Pants 2

REVIEW Sisterhood 2 explores how four friends — America Ferrera, Blake Lively, Amber Tamblyn and Alexis Bledel — handle increasingly adult responsibilities in their ever-separating lives, all the while struggling to maintain childhood friendships. At the end of the day, Sisterhood 2 is a big cheer — hooray for the friends as everything works out (of course).

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

Pineapple Express

REVIEW Produced by Judd Apatow and starring Seth Rogen, this film is a Mid-night Run-type caper about a dope-smoking process server who goes on the lam with his hapless drug dealer (James Franco) after witnessing a murder.

Pineapple Express still works as an impossibly hip comedy about impossibly uncool characters.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Just a Star Wars clone

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW In my humble opinion, we need another Stars Wars movie like Jabba the Hutt's waistline needs another Klatooine paddy frog.

If you understood that reference, chances are you don't agree with me and in fact, you're probably quite giddy to see Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

Set sometime between Episode II and III, The Clone Wars sticks Anakin Skywalker, Obi-Wan Kenobi and Yoda in the middle of an intergalactic civil war between the good clones and the evil Imperial droids.

There, Skywalker is paired up with a wiry, young Jedi apprentice named Ahsoka Tano and the duo must rescue Jabba the Hutt's slimy little kidnapped son.

In reality, this movie kicks-off a new animated series of the same name,



Anakin Skywalker and his new padawan, Ahsoka, join forces in Star Wars: The Clone Wars.

and although it makes a great way to launch a TV show, it also highlights where this film truly belongs.

Sure, it's an interesting combination of traditional animation, CGI and anime (specifically during battle scenes), but the story itself is about as compelling as watching somebody play a videogame for 90 minutes.

Difficult to follow at

Star Wars: The Clone Wars

Director: Dave Filoni

Stars: Matt Lanter,

Ashley Eckstein

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★

first, the movie is also hampered by flat, uninspired dialogue.

Worse yet, unable to re-

cruit most of the actors from the films, producers were left with cheap vocal substitutes that seemingly stand to set the film up to be what it is: an imitation of the real thing.

When it seems a legacy like Star Wars would be so unimpeachable, it makes you wonder why George Lucas would allow such a (pardon the pun) clone into the world.

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Bottle Shock mere happy pap

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Aside from a scene in which an anxious Bill Pullman obliterates the top of a bottle of wine with a samurai sword (his kingdom for a corkscrew!) there are no surprises in Bottle Shock.

This is partially because its story — about a group of affable, flannel-clad Napa Valley winemakers who turn the industry on its snooty French nose by producing a top-shelf Chardonnay — is based in fact: in 1973, the California-based Chateau Montelena won a French tasting contest and made the marketplace safe for American plonk.

It's also because director Randall Miller never met a reaction shot or an overbearing music cue that he couldn't use: Bottle Shock is perfectly content to be pap.

The material is interesting — especially after Jonathan Nossiter's epic wine doc Mondovino, which surveyed the fallout of the U.S. becoming a wine power — but the details are hackneyed.

We get a perfectionist vintner father (Pullman) who tries to straighten out his layabout son (Chris Pine); an attractive blonde



Alan Rickman, centre, stars in Bottle Shock.

Bottle Shock

Director: Randall Miller

Stars: Alan Rickman, Bill

Pullman

Classification: PG

Rating: ★★

intern (Rachael Taylor) splits her affections between said handsome layabout and his golden-palated, fetchingly dorky Latino pal (Freddy Rodriguez); meanwhile, a sassy local barmaid (Eliza

Dushku) doles out wisdom and dues ex machinas.

The only performer to rise above the dully crowd-pleasing atmosphere is Alan Rickman as the Paris wine shop owner who puts the tasting contest in motion.

It's amusing to watch this impeccable actor play something of a sad sack, and a quick bit where he battles with a bothersome restaurant door is a master-class of strenuously maintained dignity.

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Reel Time

This time around, it's jail time for Joan

Actress takes new challenge in *Death Race*STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada

Joan Allen has been accused of witchcraft in *The Crucible* and played a vice-presidential nominee in *The Contender*.

She's even been the wife of a U.S. president in *Nixon*. Of all things she's been though, the mastermind of a car rally to the death is not one of them.

In *Death Race* (opening next Friday), the Oscar-nominated actress plays an evil prison warden who sends inmates out to the track to race for their freedom. Muscle cars are loaded with machine guns to help eliminate competitors. It's not what you'd expect from the lady who played Pat Nixon.

"I loved *Road Warrior*, and I thought if this film

did what *Road Warrior* did, I would be thrilled to be part of something like that," Allen enthusiastically said during a recent interview in San Diego.

Seeing Allen play such a diabolical character will not only be a new experience for fans, but it was also a departure for Allen.

As much as she enjoys making dramas, she's unsure why it's difficult to land more action-oriented parts.

"I think it's difficult for Hollywood to take too big a risk on things because it's not easy to raise money and make films.

"It's more comforting to know, 'Oh, that actor can do this and we know they can do it,'" adds Allen. "So I felt like they did take a bit of a chance with me on this and I'm grateful for it."



Joan Allen

Funny Bunny: Faris as Playmate

STEVE GOW
For Metro Canada

For most serious thespians, playing a bubble-headed nude model whose greatest aspiration is to become a Playboy Playmate is probably not high on their to-do list. Anna Faris however, is not your average thespian.

Blasting onto the Hollywood scene in 2000 with her ditzzy lead role in *Scary Movie*, Faris has slowly gained notoriety playing "the wacky blonde" in shticky comedies like *The Hot Chick* and *Just Friends*.

"I wasn't getting the chance to play the roles I really wanted to," Faris revealed recently in L.A. while promoting *The House Bunny* (opening next Friday).

"This felt like, oh, so maybe I can do this and maybe I can continue to do this, which would be amazing."

What she's referring to likely doesn't have so

Anna Faris stars in *The House Bunny*, which opens next Friday.

much to do with playing a scantily-clad model as it does with getting a movie made in the dog-eat-dog world of Hollywood.

See, Faris not only stars in *The House Bunny*, but she's an executive producer on the film having conceived the idea about a Playmate who gets kicked out of living in Hugh Hefner's mansion because of

her age.

Desperate for shelter, she ends up a housemother to a nerdy group of sorority girls.

"I think that it's more about finding her family and that she realizes that she doesn't belong in that world anymore," says Faris about the Playmate aspirations in the story.

"(But I also) don't think

it's necessarily a judgment against that world."

Co-star Emma Stone would agree. In fact, she insists that Faris is the root of the movie's honesty.

"What Anna brought to the role was someone (our characters) could relate to from the outside," admits the young actress.

"It was so important that someone like Anna, or just Anna, played this role because her likeability and her heart shines through the whole thing."

Still, while the film does have heart and even contains a strong message about individuality, don't think that Anna Faris wasn't also attracted to hanging out at the Playboy Mansion and dressing up in skimpy, sexy outfits — a notion that certainly didn't impress everyone.

"When I floated the idea past my mom, who's pretty conservative, she was like, 'You're doing what?'" laughs Faris in hindsight. "Now, of course, she's like, 'I'm so proud of you.'"

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The Dark Knight (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thru 12:3-10:6-30-9:40

Mirrors (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thru 12:30-3:40-7:10-9:50

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Sat 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Sun 6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon 12:15-3:15-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Tue 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Wed-Thru 9

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Pineapple Express (18A) Digital Presentation, No Passes Fri-Tue 12:45-3:55-6:55-9:30 Digital Presentation, No Passes Wed-Thru 12:45-3:55-9:30

The Rocker (PG) Wed-Thru 12:15-3:15-6:45-9:15

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) No Passes Fri-Wed 12:10-3:6-50-9:25 No Passes Thu 12:10-3-9:25

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thru 12:40-3:50-7-9:35

Step Brothers (14A) Fri 12:55-3:25-6:40-9 Sat 6:40-9 Sun-Tue 12:55-3:25-6:40-9 Wed-Thru 12:55-3:25-6:40

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Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:35

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thru 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:15

Mirrors (18A) Fri-Thru 1:4-15:7-15-9:45

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thru 1:20-4-6:50-9:25

Pineapple Express (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thru 1:10-4:45-7:20-9:50

The Rocker (PG) Wed-Thru 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:35

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thru 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 2:4-30-7:30

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thru 1:40-4:50-7:30-9:55

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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Sat 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55-12:20 Sun-Thru 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:55

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:50-12:15 Sun-Thru 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:50

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thru 1:50-4:05-6:45

The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:25-7:10-9:20-11:45 Sun-Thru 1:10-4:25-7:10-9:20

Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Sat 2:4-4:45-7:25-9:35-11:50 Sun-Thru 2:4-4:45-7:25-9:35

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thru 1:05-4:6-55-9:50

Speed Racer (PG) Fri-Thru 1:15

What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35-12 Sun-Thru 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:35

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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thru 4:20-6:45-9:10

Iron Man (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thru 4:30-7:30

The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:25-6:50-9 Mon-Thru 4:25-6:50-9

Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sun 1:50-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thru 6:30-9:30

What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:30-9:40 Mon-Thru 4:50-7:30-9:40

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Hancock (PG) Fri-Thru 2:10-4:20-7:55-10:35

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 12:20-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:30 Wed-Thru 12:20-2:30-4:50-9:30

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thru 1:3-40-6:40-9:10

Mirrors (18A) No Passes Fri-Thru 2:10-5:7:45-10:20

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG) Fri-Thru 1:30-4:10-6:50-9:20

Pineapple Express (18A) Fri-Thru 2:4-4:5-7:50-10:30

The Rocker (PG) No Passes Wed-Thru 1:10-4:30-7:05-9:45

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thru 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:40-3:50-7:40-10:10

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thru 12:30-2:50-5:10-7:30-10

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Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 1:40-4:20-8:10-10

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Hancock (PG) Fri-Wed 12:50-4:40-7:20-9:45 Thu 12:50-4-9:45

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 12:10-6:50 Sun 12:10 Mon-Thru 12:10-6:50

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:05

Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30 Wed 12:40-3:40-10 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30

Mirrors (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:20-4:10-7:45-10:30 No Passes Sun 1:20-4:15-7:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thru 1:20-4:10-7:45-10:30

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The Rocker (PG) No Passes Wed-Thru 1:40-4:05-7:40-10:35

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Thru 12:30-3:50-7:10-9:50

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-10:10

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thru 1:50-5:10-7:50-10:40

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Tue 7:15-10 No Passes Fri-Thru 1:4-7:15-10

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The Rocker (PG) No Passes Wed-Thru 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10

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The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40 Tue 3:30-6:40-9:40 Wed-Thru 12:40-3:30-6:40-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) No Passes Fri-Thru 12:2-40-5:15-7:50-10:15

Step Brothers (14A) Fri-Thru 1:50-4:40-7:15-9:50 Swing Vote (PG) Fri-Thru 9:30

Tropic Thunder (14A) No Passes Fri-Thru 11:50-2:50-5:7-10-10:20

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Mamma Mia! (PG) SR Dolby Digital Fri-Thru 12:45-3:10-6:40-9

Mirrors (18A) DTS Digital Fri-Thru 12:30-3:7-10-9:40

Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thru 1:15-3:40-6:50-9:15

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Music

The future of rock in China

On the immigration card you're given just before you land in Beijing, you're asked about your health. "Are you moment experiencing any of the following conditions: Coughing, fever, nausea, headaches, sweats, sneezing or snivelling?" (Snivelling? What does that even mean?)

The card also warns you of the penalties for transporting any unauthorized material into the country.

One can assume this means any form of media that may be considered to have a corrupting influence on the culture of China. Pornography, for example, is forbidden. So is anything that might cause offense to the government. Which brings me to music.

Tens of thousands of Westerners are visiting China for the Olympics. Millions more will be lured later after this giant coming-out party winds down. I'm willing to bet that the Beijing rock scene will benefit greatly.

Although Chinese rock stars do exist — my favourite is Cui Jian, the anointed Father of Chinese Rock, whose song, I Have Nothing/Nothing to My Name, was an unofficial anthem of the Tiananmen Square uprising — they're almost completely unknown outside the country.

There are many flavours of zhōngguó yáo n — Chinese rock — as there are in the West: punk, extreme metal, Goth, alt-rock, hip-hop, electronica. Music-minded visitors looking for colour will no doubt find Beijing clubs like MAO Live House, D-22 and Yugong Yishan, where they'll find music that could only be made by people exploding after generations of oppression and authoritarian rule.

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"Some music industry experts are looking at China for clues on how they can adapt to the new realities they face at home."

Maybe someone will get discovered. Some people are betting on Joyslide, a group from north of Beijing who have released albums with titles like Drunk is Beautiful and Everything Sucks.

Or maybe zhōngguó yáo n has something to teach us. Because pirates and counterfeiters destroyed all semblance of a Western-style music industry years ago, some music industry experts are looking at China for clues on how they can adapt to the new realities they face at home. If you can't sell CDs, how can you make a living? This year's Music Matters Asia, the annual Asia-Pacific music forum in Hong Kong was the biggest yet, and featured speakers like U2 manager Paul McGuinness and Terry McBride of Canada's Nettwerk Records.

No one knows what long-term effects the Olympics will have on China, but I have a feeling that music is going to be involved somewhere along the way.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

Urban pop copycats

Girlicious spun out of Pussycat Dolls reality show

AMANDA TRUSCOTT
for Metro Canada

They write about in their underwear and smack each other with pillows in their music video "Stupid Sh—," but the Girlicious girls want the world to know they're not just some reality TV cliché.

"There are so many people who are skeptical because we come from a reality TV show, so one thing that's important is that we stick together to prove to the world that we're real artists," says Tiffanie Anderson, 19.

She and bandmates Natalie Mejia, Nichole Cordova and Chrystina Sayers were chosen by a panel of judges — including Robin Antin, the brains behind the Pussycat Dolls — on the show Pussycat Dolls Present: Girlicious.

There was some conflict between the four girls as they went through the Pussycat Dolls Boot Camp meant to determine which of the thirty contestants would be chosen, but they say they've put the cattiness behind them.

Jewelry clinks as they squish together on a plush white couch in the Panatages Hotel. "It took a month after we won the competition, into the album, to actually come together and put our differences aside, and just realize that we're all a team," says Mejia, 19.

She says their music, their dancing and their style make them unique. "It's urban pop. We have everything from pop to R&B on our album, and our dancing as well. We dance like boys. We get really low to the ground and go all



Girlicious dropped their self-titled debut album earlier this week.

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Natalie Mejia

out, and you'll usually catch us in some motorcycle boots or Doc Martens."

Cordova says they want their music to touch people. "We just want people to really connect to it and, you know, feel what we're saying, feel how we're singing, and the emotion that we're bringing across."

Rather than making them a bunch of fakes, Sayers says their reality TV roots make them a stronger group. "They went through thousands and thousands of girls, and I really feel like we were the cream of the crop out of all those different cities they went to," she says.

They admit to having surrendered creative control over their music, but Mejia says that doesn't mean they're not creative. "We all do write, and we all do choreograph, we all do all kinds of stuff about hair and makeup in the group."

They won't let themselves be trampled by the industry either, Anderson says. "Cause we're like, 19-year-old girls, so they just think we're stupid. We just, we let them think we're dumb, and we do our research."

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This Day in Music History

In 2000, David Bowie and Iman welcomed their first child, Alexandria Zahra Jones, into the world. A statement at the time reports that Bowie is involved in the delivery process and even cuts the umbilical cord.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

**Music**

Duchovny developing rock comedy

MOVIES Husband-and-wife actor/producers David Duchovny and Tea Leoni will be making music with

CBS Films, which has acquired the comedy script *Born to Rock*.

Conceived and devel-

oped by Duchovny and Leoni's film production company, And Then Prods., the project revolves

around a group of struggling, aging rock musicians. Because of a mix-up in their demo tape, they

end up catching a record executive's attention for a children's song written on a lark.

Duchovny, who described the project as "rock 'n' roll meets the sip-

py-cup crowd," noted the relevance of mixing older musicians with youth-oriented music. "It speaks to a cultural phenomenon that is happening right now in music," he said.

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Actor Colin Hanks, left, will be joining the cast of *Mad Men* for three episodes this season, beginning Sunday. He will play a young priest visiting the church that Peggy's family attends. **TVGUIDE.COM**

TV

Child: Chef and spy?

Declassified U.S. documents shed light on war history

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SPIES LIKE US: It's not like it was ever really a secret — the factoid has been showing up in her biographies for years, and appeared in her New York Times obituary — but with the release of declassified U.S. government documents yesterday, it's official: Julia Child was a spy.

In addition to being one of the first ever celebrity TV chefs, Child was an operative for the Office of Strategic Services, the Second World War-era predecessor to the CIA, a distinction she shares with Chicago White Sox pitcher Moe Berg, actor Sterling Hayden, the sons of Theodore Roosevelt and Ernest Hemingway, historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and the father of the drummer in new wave superstars The Police, according to an Associated Press story.

More than 35,000 OSS documents have been declassified, shedding light on the agency's membership and history during the fight against Nazi Germany, and finally offering an explanation for why Child, who died in 2004 and was a fixture on PBS for four decades, could



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noiselessly kill a full-grown man with a set of measuring spoons and build a car bomb with a mixture of rubbed thyme and smoked paprika.

NETWORK DEATH KNELL: Everyone knows that cable has been stealing lunch from the big broadcast networks for years now, but a story in *Advertising Age* this week has the numbers in excruciating

detail — the sorts of figures that should be causing some weeping and wailing in corner offices in Manhattan and Hollywood.

With their shift away from "acquired programming" — the licensed and syndicated shows, movies and reruns that still dominate programming on cable channels such as TCM, TV Land and Nick At Nite in the U.S., and TVtropolis, Showcase Diva and Action

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here in Canada — to original programming, leading cable channels have turned themselves into an army of HBOs in the last few years, but it's only in the last year or two that they've invested in promoting their original fare, and it's paying off.

A study by the Cable Advertising Bureau revealed that the average amount of original programming grew from around 741 shows a week to 1,407 in the past five years, a leap that's reflected in double-digit growth in advertising revenue and a 10 per cent growth in ad sales during upturns. Viewer totals in the last year also doubled, putting the cherry on top of a very tidy equation that's got to look bad down on the lower reaches of the dial, since it's meant an equivalent drop-off in viewers for the networks.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

The Hills star lands cameo in sitcom

NEW ROLE The Hills star Audrina Patridge has landed a cameo role in new sitcom *Do Not Disturb* alongside Jerry O'Connell and Niecy Nash, **IMDb.COM** reports.

The reality TV star will feature in an episode of the upcoming Fox series, about staff at a luxury hotel, which is due to air later this year.

And Patridge is excited to be able to put her acting skills to the test.

She writes on her official website, "(The show) takes place in New York City at a swanky hotel.

"I will be playing a guest checking into the hotel and I am going to film my scenes sometime next week! I think Jerry O'Connell is hysterical (have you guys seen his video on that website *FunnyorDie?*) and I can't wait to meet Niecy!" Patridge is also set to ap-



Audrina Patridge

pear in new movie *Into The Blue 2*, according to **People.com**.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Al Jazeera receives Emmy news nominations

TELEVISION Al Jazeera's English-language coverage of the Myanmar crackdown and a current affairs program have earned the network its first International Emmy news nominations.

Besides Al Jazeera English, the Qatar-based satellite news channel, nominated networks include the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., TV Globo in Brazil, Pro TV News in Romania, ITV News in the United Kingdom and SBS Broadcasting in the Netherlands.

Al Jazeera and TV Globo were the only two to receive nominations in both the news and current affairs categories. TV Globo received nominations last year in both categories as well.

Al Jazeera English's

Kuala Lumpur News Hour received the nomination for coverage of the military crackdown in Myanmar. ITV News was nominated for its coverage of Zimbabwe, and TV Globo received a nomination for coverage of a fatal TAM airliner crash. Pro TV News received a nomination for Any Idea of What Your Kid is Doing Right Now?

In the current affairs category, the public-affairs program *The Fifth Estate* snagged a nomination for the CBC, while *Hot Line* brought kudos for TV Globo and SBS' Peter R. de Vries received recognition for a story about Natalee Holloway. Al Jazeera's second nomination was for *Witness: Red Mosque*.

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In brief

TELEVISION Former King of Queens star Leah Remini is throwing her hat into the daytime ring.

The actress is developing a concept for a daytime show with CBS Television Distribution, sources said. Details are being closely guarded, but it's believed that the parties are not necessarily thinking along the lines of a traditional talk show. The project is being eyed for a fall 2009 launch. CBS declined comment.

CBS also is working on talk show projects with Valerie Bertinelli and Bishop T.D. Jakes. Remini co-starred on the CBS sitcom *Queens* for nine seasons and more recently appeared in the MSN online series *In the Motherhood*, an adaptation of which is being developed at ABC.

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Transgendered model on show

REALITY TV One of the 14 girls who will compete on the new season of America's Next Top Model — which returns to The CW on Sept. 3 — is transgender, **usmagazine.com** reports.

"My cards were dealt differently," Isis, a 22-year-old former receptionist, tells *Us Weekly* exclusively in its new issue, on newsstands now.

Hailing from Prince George's County, Md., Isis identifies herself as "a woman born physically

male."

Will she be a role model? "I like to help people, but I'm here to follow my dreams," she tells *Us*.

The inclusion of Isis is being hailed by GLAAD president Neil Giuliano as "an unprecedented opportunity for a community that is underrepresented on television. We applaud Tyra Banks and The CW for making this historic visibility of transgender people possible," Giuliano said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Regis to meet Your Mother

Television personality Regis Philbin will guest-star on *How I Met Your Mother* this fall. Philbin will play himself in an episode, scheduled to air Sept. 29, which concerns Marshall's search for the restaurant in which he had his first New York burger. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot now

1 Dexter: The Complete First Season

This four-disc DVD set of Season 2 of *Dexter*, the dark TV series about a serial killer you can't help but side with, comes out on Tuesday. Michael C. Hall stars as Dexter Morgan, the forensics expert who leads a double life.



2 Mamma Mia! Movie soundtrack

The music of supergroup ABBA comes into the spotlight again, this time as the soundtrack to *Mamma Mia!*, the movie based on the musical. Take a chance on actors Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan singing SOS. Pure pop culture fun.



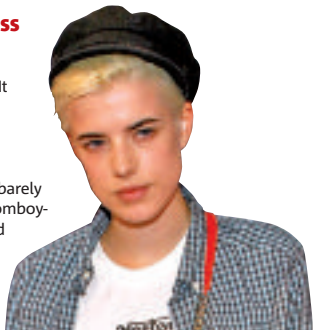
3 Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson

Eleven people died recently after an ice avalanche swept climbers away and left others stranded on K2, the world's second-highest mountain in Pakistan. Greg Mortenson also tried to climb the mountain, and lived to write about it. *Three Cups of Tea* recounts his experience on K2, and subsequent work that led to the creation of the Central Asia Institute, which has built more than 50 schools across rural Pakistan and Afghanistan.



4 Agyness Deyn

Fashion's current "It Girl," 25-year-old model Agyness Deyn, has been on the industry's radar for barely two years. It's her tomboyish and '80s-inspired style off the runways that has made her memorable.



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5 Who's Gonna Save My Soul, by Gnarl Barkley

Girl-breaks-up-with-boy in the video for Gnarl Barkley's *Who's Gonna Save My Soul*. Anyone who's suffered heartache will relate to this clip, which features a heart on a plate that steals the show. The song itself, while more mellow than the group's previous hit, *Crazy*, is just as addictive.



6 Olympic Cocktail

Raise a glass to our Canadian athletes participating in the Games in Beijing, China, with the Olympic Cocktail, courtesy of barmandrinks.com: ¾ oz. of orange juice; ¾ oz. of Triple Sec; and ½ oz. of brandy. Shake all ingredients with ice. Strain into a cocktail glass and ready, set, serve. Please remember to drink responsibly!

7 BBC Languages

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Dallas stars reunite for 30th

TELEVISION The stars of *Dallas* are reuniting to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the iconic show, imdb.com reports.

Cast members of the popular prime-time soap opera that ran from 1978-1991 will return to the Southfork Ranch near Dallas on Nov. 8 to commemorate the date.

Larry Hagman, Linda Gray and Patrick Duffy have all confirmed they will attend the event.

Hagman, who played character J.R. Ewing, is also looking forward to the party. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

FRIDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/15/08	2	CFRN	239 318	TMZ (N)	Jeopardy!	Greek "Picking Teams"		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		Without a Trace		News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	News	Raymond	Jeopardy!	Wheel-Fortune	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)				
	4	CBXT	- 307	(4) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	(Live)					XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)		
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Hollywood Friends	Stargate Atlantis	Scrubs	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS "Black Swan"		Swingtown
	7	CKEM	241 347	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Very Bad Men		Reaper "Rebellion"		The Collector (DVS)		Your City
	8	CTV	240 339	ET Canada	Entertainment	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)		Swingtown (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS "Black Swan"		News Hour
	12	CBXT	119 705	Chine	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)			Le Téléjournal		Les XXIXe Jeux Olympiques d'été		
	14	YTV	552 543	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Legally Blonde ** (2001, Comedy)		Reese Witherspoon		20/20 (N)
	15	KAYU	- 371	NFL Preseason Football Oakland Raiders at Tennessee Titans				According-Jim		King of the Hill		The Simpsons
	19	CHTV	-	70s Show	E News	Britney Spears Singer Britney Spears		Foreign		NOW on PBS		Bill Moyers Journal (N)
	22	KSPS	- 374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Mediterranean
	54	CBCTN	502 -	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		News		CTV Newsnet		News
	54	CTV	501 391	CTV Newsnet		News		CTV Newsnet		News		CTV Newsnet
	20	TSN	400 400	CFL Football: Alouettes at Argonauts				SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Boxing Friday Night Fights (HDTV)		Ult. Fighter
	23	net	408 418	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Connected		Ult. Fighter
	47	SPEED	417 406	NASCAR Race	NASCAR Racing	Sprint Cup Qualifying		Trackside AL... (HDTV)		Sprint Pit Crew Challenge		WWE SmackDown!
	94	SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		Score Tonight		Stump-Schwab		Cabby Unlmit		
	14	YTV	552 543	The Next Star (N)		Dance, Sunset		Hit List		The Next Star		Falcon Beach
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren, Bears		Babar		Backyardigans
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Disney Games	High School Musical 2 (2007)		Zac Efron		(10:45) Baby Geniuses
	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami		The Cleaner "Rag Dolls"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Impress		Iron Chef America		Tasty Travels
	32	DISC	520 505	Man vs. Wild "Sahara"		Forensic Factor (N)		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Sahara"		Handyman
	38	SPIKE	628 584	Shocking Moments		World's Most Amazing Videos		Disorderly Conduct: Video		MANswers		GameTrailers
	43	SPACE	627 528	Ghost Hunters		Torchwood (N)		(8:05) Ginger Snaps *** (2000, Horror)		Emily Perkins, Kris Lemche		
	50	STAR	621 56	Star-at Movies	In Fashion	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Madonna		TMZ		I'm Going to Tell You a Secret

SATURDAY

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8/16/08	2	CFRN	239 318	W-FIVE-Canada		Murder in the Hamptons ** (2005, Docudrama)		(DVS)		Comedy Now		News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	News	CSI: Miami			XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)				
	4	CBXT	- 307	(4) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	(Live)					XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)		
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Scrubs	A New Smile, a New Life		The Unit "Bail" (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		48 Hr. Mystery
	7	CKEM	241 347	Blood Ties (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries		Ripper: Letter From Hell * (2001, Horror)		A.J. Cook, Bruce Payne... (DVS)		
	8	CTV	240 339	Andromeda		2008 Alberta Summer Games		renegadepress		renegadepress		News (N)
	12	CBXT	119 705	Celine	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)			Le Téléjournal		Les XXIXe Jeux Olympiques d'été (HDTV)		
	13	XXLY	- 371	4 News at 6	The Insider (N)	Entertainment Tonight		Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (2003, Comedy)				Eli Stone
	16	KAYU	- 371	NFL Preseason Football Chicago Bears at Seattle Seahawks. From Qwest Field in Seattle.				America's Most Wanted		Inside Hollywood (DVS)		News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	E News	Greatest Myst.	A Trick of the Mind (2006, Suspense)		DVS)				News (N)
	22	KSPS	- 374	The Lawrence Welk Show	May-December	Time Goes By		Anne of Green Gables		Chronicles		Elvis Lives
	54	CBCTN	502 -	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone: Dubai		Sat. Report		Fortune		Mansbridge
	54	CTV	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News		CTV Newsnet		News		CTV Newsnet
	20	TSN	400 400	(4:30) XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV)	(Live)			SportsCentre		Boxing Joshua Clottey vs. Zab Judah		
	23	net	408 418	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected		Motorcycle Racing		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Con.
	47	SPEED	417 406	Pass Time	Pass Time	Pass Time		Unique Whips		Low Life		Unique Whips
	94	SCORE	410 403	Horse Racing		Score Update		DragonBall Z		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Score Update
	14	YTV	552 543	Frank Patrol	Ghost	Storm Hawks		BodogFight		Dragon Ball Z		Storm Hawks
	17	TREE	553 546	Little Bear	Mighty Mach	Comfy Couch	Beren, Bears	Toy Castle		Dragon (DVS)		Backyardigans
	45	FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek		Han, Montana		Dora-Explorer
	25	A&E	615 520	The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		Go, Diego, Go!
	29	FOOD	603 561	Dinner Imposs.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef		Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Iron Chef America		Top Chef
	32	DISC	520 505	Deadliest Catch		Criss Angel		A Haunting An evil entity.		Dirty Jobs		Criss Angel
	38	SPIKE	628 584	CSI: Crime Scene Investg.		CSI: Crime Scene Investg.		TNA IMPACT!				MuscleCar
	43	SPACE	627 528	The Matrix Reloaded *** (2003, Science Fiction)	Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne					Spawn ** (1997, Fantasy)		
	50	STAR	621 56	(6) This Is... Madonna (N)		America's Next Top Model		Katie & Peter: Next Chapter				Next Model

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	43	SPACE	627 528	Alien Siege ** (2005, Science Fiction)	Brad Johnson			Arrival II * (1998, Science Fiction)		Patrick Muldoon		Tremors 3
	50	STAR	621 56	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Girl Next Door	Old Skool	Scott Ballo		Look-A-Like		Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew

Actor Gael Garcia Bernal has confirmed he is to become a first-time father. Bernal has announced that his girlfriend, actress Dolores Fonzi, is pregnant. The baby is due early next year. **IMDb.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Pam's new boyfriend may be royal

RELATIONSHIPS Pamela Anderson is reportedly dating a member of the Abu Dhabi royal family, female-first.co.uk reports.

The actress has only revealed her new beau's name to a few select friends, but refers to him in conversation by the pet name she made up for him — Milk-Sheik or Milk for short.

Anderson first met the royal when she visited Abu Dhabi in June with the Make a Wish Foundation. Shortly after her

trip, she announced she is joining forces with the royal family to build an eco-friendly hotel in the city.

Since then, Anderson's new love has reportedly visited her in Los Angeles. "He is very handsome and Pammie looked very happy," a source said.

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Mom defends Sienna

RELATIONSHIPS Sienna Miller's mother has defended the actress over her much criticized relationship with actor Balthazar Getty, imdb.com reports.

Miller and Getty, who last month announced his separation from wife Rosetta, have enjoyed a whirlwind romance which has attracted criticism from the media.

Miller's mother, Jo, is upset at the reaction.

"It's awful, I can't tell you. You wonder when it's all

going to stop," she says.

But Jo is pleased how some pals have jumped to her daughter's defence.

"Thank goodness some people are seeing the hypocrisy of it all," she says. "I know it makes Sienna pleased to read these things. It means a lot to her when there's so much negativity and criticism around."

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celebrity brief

Madonna not adopting again

RUMOUR A report that Madonna is adopting a three-year-old girl, Mercy James, from Malawi is not true, her rep tells Usmagazine.com.

"Madonna has not made an attempt to adopt this baby earlier this year or now," Liz Rosenberg said. "There is no truth to this rumour... Madonna is starting her tour in a week."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Good on **Lindsay Lohan** for hitting back at those who speculate that her sister **Ali** has had breast implants.

She's proven that she's sober enough to navigate a computer and make an entry on her celebrity blog, and she only used 1,506 exclamation points this time.

Of course, defending her mother's parental instincts is a bit of a stretch. To avoid having to go into too many details, I've compiled a list of inanimate objects that have demonstrably superior parenting skills to those of **Dina Lohan**: a shephard's pie, fibreglass insulation, a beach umbrella, a tin ingot, and an electric fence.

Perhaps Lindsay is telling a kind of truth. Maybe her mother's lesson of "appreciating what we have been given" is a way to rationalize the creation of **Living Lohan**, a reality TV show whose sole purpose is to engender and promote the showbiz career of Ali, and of course to draw the ire of **Anderson Cooper**. If fate gives you a car crash for a sister, make the most of it, especially if Mom says it's the right thing to do.

I could be wrong, but I bet Dina Lohan would let her daughter get piñata candy implants if she thought it would make her famous.

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Angelina's not replacing Tom

RUMOUR Angelina Jolie is not a "replacement" for Tom Cruise in the upcoming spy thriller **Edwin A. Salt**, MSNBC reports.

According to a source close to the film, the studio did want Cruise in the lead role, but the actor passed.

"This story about Jolie taking over is completely false ... this started with an inaccurate report months ago that said (Cruise) was taking the role," says the source. "They courted him for almost a year for this movie. He considered it but passed."

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Implant talk irks Lindsay

RUMOUR Lindsay Lohan may be used to tabloid gossip about her own life. But she's fighting mad over recent rumours swirling around her 14-year-old sister Ali, People.com reports.

The 22-year-old actress took to her blog yesterday to slam online speculation that Ali may have undergone breast augmentation. In fact, Lindsay said she was confronted by a photographer who

yelled, "What do you have to say about people commenting on your sister's implants?"

"It made me feel a bit sick to my stomach," Lindsay wrote on her MySpace Celebrity Blog. "... My mother taught us to appreciate what we have been given," she wrote. "Nor would she ever encourage, or allow a 14-year-old child to alter her body." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



celebrity brief

Ashley, boyfriend make a scene

RELATIONSHIPS Ashley Olsen and her boyfriend, actor Justin Bartha, hardly came up for air during a recent dinner in New York City, where they were holding hands and making out all through the meal,

PageSix.com reports.

"She was all over him," said a witness. "Ashley was very nice to everyone, but seemed more occupied with her boyfriend than anything else."

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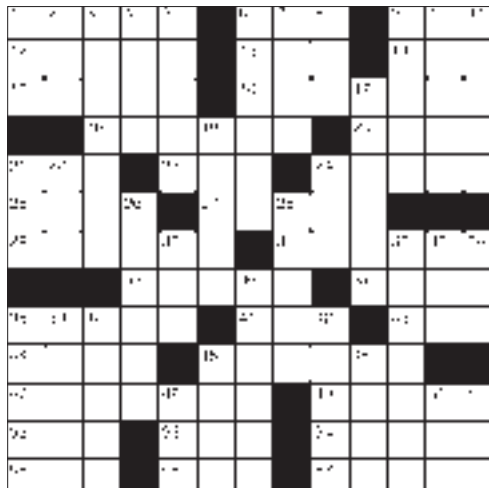
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Burton and Carter sell N.Y. apartment

Filmmaker Tim Burton and actress Helena Bonham Carter have reportedly sold their two New York apartments for \$8.75 million US. The couple is reportedly on the move from their former home in the city's Greenwich Village area, imdb.com reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

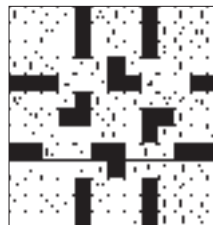
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- 2 "— Town"
- 3 Ironed
- 4 Kazakhstan river
- 5 Target of the Salk vaccine
- 6 Septuagenarian's next milestone
- 7 Defeat soundly
- 8 Wish otherwise
- 9 Magnetic flux unit
- 10 Trusty horse
- 11 Rice field
- 17 Arose suddenly
- 19 Greek physician
- 21 Picks out of a lineup
- 22 Pirouette pivot
- 24 Support system?
- 26 Hydrophobia
- 28 Entry on a to-do list
- 30 "— the season..."
- 32 Not naked
- 33 Legislation
- 34 Storm center
- 36 Eden, for one
- 38 Shul VIP
- 39 Early "Tonight Show" host Steve
- 40 Is introduced to
- 42 Apportions
- 45 Toiler
- 46 Basilica section
- 48 Hot tub
- 50 Work unit
- 51 Catcher's place

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Crossword across

- 1 Trounce
- 6 Blunder
- 9 Recipe meas.
- 12 Pack animal
- 13 Chit
- 14 H look-alike
- 15 "He's — nowhere man"
- 16 Conjectured
- 18 Minimal
- 20 Begged
- 21 "Monty Python" opener
- 23 Feedbag morsel
- 24 Sitcom surname
- 25 Busy one
- 27 Spandex material
- 29 Tranquilize
- 31 Knob
- 35 Its participants must form a line
- 37 Confederate soldiers
- 38 Harold of "Ghostbusters"
- 41 Upper limb
- 43 Lamb's mama
- 44 Sheltered
- 45 Overuses the mirror
- 47 Holy
- 49 Shocking weapon
- 52 Wager
- 53 "The Raven" writer
- 54 Each
- 55 Office holders
- 56 — Arbor, Mich.
- 57 Marsh plant

previous day's answer**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A new job is more trouble than it's worth. A man will turn the other cheek. Pushing your ideas will lead to a spat.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Guilt over hurtful behaviour won't go away. A friend has a complaint and needs your help. A dispute continues with no end in sight.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A dire predicament will ease up. Have fun until someone tells you to stop. A friend makes a forceful statement about an imposition.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There's no time to handle every ironic twist of fate. Career matters remain up in the air. An unhappy event results in punitive action.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Optimism has a reason to grow. Try something unconventional. Maintain a strong sense of perspective.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A co-worker promises much and delivers little. Appreciate the higher values in new connections. A problem can get out of hand.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A temperamental tyrant needs to be rescued. Arrange immediate crisis intervention. Concentrate on using lucid advice.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A father figure's health becomes a concern. A fastidious person takes responsibility for a project. You might get a treat.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Be gentle when someone falls flat on his face. Share your secrets about courage. Ask the right questions tonight.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

A forbidden romance gives pure inspiration. A new rule triggers defense mechanisms. A visitor oozes charisma.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Shun those who challenge your motives. Discover fresh meaning in love. A crisis jostles your memory in the nick of time.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A love affair intensifies when there's a sudden insight. A date mustn't be missed — it's too important. Hard work helps to conquer habits.

Sudoku

9	1		5	2	7			
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	6	8	3			1		
6			3					5
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	5			9	4	7		
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			1	7	2		5	3

previous day's answer

8	2	9	6	1	4	3	5	7
4	5	7	8	9	3	1	2	6
3	6	1	2	7	5	4	9	8
1	3	8	7	5	2	6	4	9
6	9	5	3	4	8	7	1	2
2	7	4	1	6	9	8	3	5
7	4	2	5	3	6	9	8	1
5	1	3	9	8	7	2	6	4
9	8	6	4	2	1	5	7	3

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

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13-17..... Scholar

17-21..... Smart
21-25..... Not bad
25+..... Keep practising
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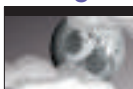
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30°

Tonight

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Saturday

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Sunday

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31° / 19°

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Sunny.
29° / 15°

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Low: 9.8°

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